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Application of: Hard, Robert A.
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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 6, 1998. Applicant has submitted an Appeal Brief, filed concurrently herewith. Applicant has properly noted the status of this and previous amendments after final rejection in the Status of Amendments section of the Appeal Brief filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner act upon and enter the present amendment. Applicant further requests that the Examiner note either his entry of, or his refusal to enter, the present amendment in an Advisory Action, as well as in the Examiner's Answer to Applicant's Appeal Brief in accordance with MPEP §§ 1207 and 1208.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A process for separating and recovering metal values from a digestion mixture of metal containing material, including metal values to be [being] recovered and one or more additional metal values, comprising:
- digesting the metal containing material in a sulfuric acid solution comprising:
- sulfuric acid;

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